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Intimations.



NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the public that the MILITARY AUTHORITIES are about to lay a MINE FIELD on the Hongkong side of the Lv-E-Mun Pass, for the purpose of making experiments. The FIELD will be marked by two BUOYS moored in the Centre of the Pass; and to prevent fouling the MINE CASES and MOORINGS, Masters of Vessels navigating the Channel are cautioned to keep on the North-East or Chinese side of said Buoy.

GUARD BOATS will be stationed to warn Shipmasters previous to firing the Mines.
H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT, Hongkong, February 6, 1884. 242

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th February, 1884.

All EXHIBITS must be entered not later than the 11th Instant; and PLANTS in Pots should be sent early on the 13th Instant.

Admission.—First Day, \$1; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Schedules of Prizes can be obtained from CHARLES FOLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 195

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883. 48

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in Tamsui, Formosa. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is authorized to sign on our behalf per Procurator. DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO. Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 8

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of February instant, at THREE o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 219

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1883.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 6, 1884. 230

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February instant (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 231

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on THURSDAY, the 28th February instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1883, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 220

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 28th day of February instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 221

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 28th day of February instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 221

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1884.

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REMOVES ALL
ORGANIC and INORGANIC IMPURITIES, LEAD, COPPER, and POISONOUS GASES.

IT SEPARATES THE WATER.

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Two Silver Medals International Food Exhibition, London;

Two Certificates of Merit by Sanitary Institute, Exeter;

Certificate of Merit International Medical and Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington;

Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 30, 1884. 182

SAYLE & CO.'S GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS!
— AND —
GENERAL FURNISHING GOODS.

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HOSIERY. RIBBONS. LACES.
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REMNANTS. REMNANTS. REMNANTS.

COMMENCING ON

MONDAY NEXT,

the 4th February, and following days.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 192

Public Auction.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

For Sale.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

Public Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 9th February, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSORTMENT OF

JAPANESE WARE, BRONZES, &c., comprising:

VASES, JARS, COLD DISHES, PLATES, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA AND COFFEE SETS, EGGSHELL WARE, BRONZES, ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Acting Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 7, 1884. 240

Shipping.

Steamers.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW CHWANG, HANKOW and FORTS on the YANGTZE.)

The Steamship

"Glenday," Capt. MACINLAY, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 226

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

"Hector," Capt. BILLING, will be despatched on or about the 13th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 174

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Company's Chartered Steamer

"Janice," Capt. DAVID SCOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 7, 1884. 238

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)

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MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
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Small HOMINY.
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Potted SAUSAGES and Sausage MEAT.

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Richardson & Hobbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lunch HAM.

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Clam CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.

TOMATOES.

SUCOCOTASH.

Maple SYRUP.

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LOBSTERS.

OYSTERS.

HONEY.

Assorted JELLIES.

Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

900 lb. "

1,200 lb. "

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OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.

AXES and HATCHETS.

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Pudding RAISINS.

Lancashire CURRANTS.

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PATE de FOIE GRAS.

SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.

BEAUX.

INFANTS' FOOD.

CORN FLOUR.

S P A R T A N COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

LEES, GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET,

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACOME'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

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BOB'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

NOVELTY PINEAPPLE'S VERMOUTH.

CHAPMAN'S GINGER BRANDY.

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CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SANDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 oz. boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Notices to Consignees.

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenallock having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY, the 4th February.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Undersigned.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 8th instant will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees are hereby informed that all Bills must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 12th instant.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lennox having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 8th instant will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 2, 1884.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

For Shuyaha.

SW, No. 12—1 case Perfumery, from LDN. No mark, no number, 2 bundles Iron. T. 70, 77—2 Casas.

S. 3—1 Case.

F.O.O. 748—1 bag Raisins.

A.M. S. 196—1 case Vermouth.

A.S.P. 501/525—25 cases " 527/550—24 "

S & C. 1—1 Case.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

BELLONA, German steamer, Captain W. Schaeffer & Siemssen & Co.

CHARLEY, British barque, Captain J. C. Cheetham—Order.

CHI YUN, Chinese steamer, Capt. Wallace—C. M. S. N. Co.

DAKOTA, American ship, Captain J. F. Gilkey—Order.

HERCULES, American ship, Captain E. Lincoln—Captain.

MARIE LOUISE, German barque, Capt. N. Buhler—Molchers & Co.

MAY, British barquentine, Captain G. Forbes—Adamson, Bell & Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. Jas. Mahor—Butterfield & Swire.

QUICKSTER, American barquentine, Capt. J. E. J. Wilson—Russell & Co.

SELMERIA, British steamer, Captain Fowler—Russell & Co.

WILHELM HOMMER, Ger. barque, Capt. W. Holtz—G. R. Lamert.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 233

Intimations.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,

COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced Business, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883.

E. J. DURNEY, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.

TERMS MODERATE.

Address, c/o. The "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 1157

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. FEB. 8, 1884.

Stocks No. of Shares Value Paid up Reserve Working Account Last Divid. Closing Quotations, Cash.

H.K. and Shanty 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,198,336 \$ 52,600.62 £2 108% = \$335

INSURANCES. 5,000 £ 25 £ 25 £ 25 £

mode of charging establishment expenses which, amounting to 100,000 yen, had been put down at 70,000, the balance having been charged to miscellaneous account. Until the account itself is published it is impossible to give any comment on the proposed budget, but as the company has only been in active operation for half a year the dividend ought to be regarded as extremely satisfactory.—*Japan Gazette*.

The preparation France is making for the occupation of Tongking involves the construction of gunboats suitable for river purposes. The two gunboats which were used—or rather, were not used—upon the Seine during the siege of Paris, and which have since been lying up at Cherbourg, are about to be sent out to Tongking. The Fancey gunboats, as they are called, after their designer, are about 50 feet long, by 14 broad, and they draw rather more than three feet of water when carrying the 10-inch gun weighing 15 tons with its carriage, with which they were armed. These gunboats have two screws, and a speed of seven knots an hour. It is intended, however, to arm them with rather lighter guns, so as to diminish their draught of water and increase their speed. Eight other gunboats, six for Tongking and two for Madagascar, are being completed in some private dockyards at Nantes. These vessels will be able to carry 100 men each, the *Mutine*, the *Redoutable*, the *Titanicus*, the *Rufus*, the *Bourguignon*, and the *Alerte*, are easily taken to pieces, and they are built on a better plan than those now in service in Cochinchina and Tongking. Built of steel, they are 105 feet long and are armed with four guns, placed upon protected platforms some distance above the deck. They have double screws and engines of 120 horse-power, with a speed of from eight to nine knots an hour. The first of them will be ready in the beginning of January, and the rest at short intervals. Besides these gunboats, the minister of marine is having built at Lyons two quick river-boats, which are to be classed as despatch-boats, and have been built upon the plans of M. Fancey, the designer of the above-mentioned gunboats. They will be of about the same dimensions as the latter, but so constructed as to have a less draught of water and to be adapted for river warfare.—*Japan Gazette*.

CRICKET.

The return match between a team representing Ireland and one representing the World was commenced on the Cricket Ground this afternoon. The World went to the wicket first, and scored 242 before the last man fell. The Irishmen then commenced their innings, Messrs. Hodder and Coxon facing the bowlers. Before time was called Coxon had fallen for 11, and his place was taken by Lieut. Lloyd. The play was witnessed by good many spectators, among whom were several ladies. Music was discontinued during the afternoon by the band of H.M.S. *Audacious*. Play will be resumed to-morrow at eleven o'clock, and players are reminded to be on the ground promptly. The following are the scores of the World:—

THE WORLD.	
F. S. C. Hara, b. Pike,.....	19
J. C. C. Headley, run out,.....	20
G. H. D' Ath, b. McMunn,.....	7
G. R. Johnston, b. Travers,.....	0
H. St. D. Jarrett, b. Buxbury,.....	21
E. Drury, c. Darby, b. Lyons,.....	77
G. V. Daughish, c. and b. Buxbury,.....	14
C. S. Barr, b. Buxbury,.....	4
W. H. Dobson, c. Coxon, b. Lyons,.....	23
J. H. Plumb, not out,.....	31
G. Stewart, b. Darby,.....	4
Extrins.,	22
Total,.....	242

HONGKONG RACES, 1884.

STEEL CUP.	
Saturday, 23rd February, 1884.	
1.—Cup valued \$150. For all Ponies. Weight for inches. Distance twice round. Entrance \$5. \$10 forfeit for non-starters. Entrance fees and forfeits to go to second pony.	
1. Mr. Porte's, b. & b. Truefitt James, 2. Mr. St. Vincent's, g. & p. Captain, 3. Mr. Bill's, g. & p. Grazioso, 4. Mr. F. S. Gordon's, g. & p. Ghilis Callum, 5. Mr. Redaxial's, g. & p. Odawara, 6. Do. g. & p. Omor, 7. Mr. St. Andrew's, b. & p. Merry Monk, 2.—For Ponies that have never won any race in China or Japan. Entrance \$5. with \$10 added. Weight 11st. Distance from the quarter mile post, once round. Entrance \$5. \$10 forfeit for non-starters to go to second pony.	
1. Mr. Porte's, b. & b. Truefitt James, 2. Mr. St. Vincent's, b. & p. Adjutant, 3. Mr. Bill's, g. & p. Grazioso, 4. Do. d. & p. Presissimo, 5. Mr. F. S. Gordon's, g. & p. Finavon, 6. Do. b. & p. Hognasay, 7. Mr. Redaxial's, b. & p. Atami.	

CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, Feb. 8th.

Sir.—I quite concur with the sentiments expressed by the writer of the letter signed, "A Member," which appeared in your issue of the 6th. I think it is quite time something was done by the members, to rouse the Committee out of that state of inertness into which they seem to have fallen. As the broken-down condition of the Club property, has been so graphically described already, I think it is unnecessary for me to go over it again. Now that the ball has been set rolling, I trust that the members will all and come to the front and give it a push; if they do so I feel sure success will attend their efforts. Surely a Club such as the V.R.C. with a membership of 350, and an annual income of \$3,500, ought to be able to provide its members with something better than a table to meet in.

Thanking you for inserting the above,
Yours, &c.
A. B. O.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wedderburn, Esq.)
Friday, Feb. 8.

DISMISSED SEASIDE.

Four French sailors were charged by a Chinese carpenter with having assaulted him, and damaged his property to the extent of \$100. The case in Graham Street last night, about 9 o'clock, and created a disturbance by intermixing with some Chinese women. Some fighting ensued, and ended in complainant's carpentry shop, where, during the melee, four chairs were broken. This was complainant's story. The evidence being somewhat contradictory the men were remanded until the 9th instant.

DISORDERLY SOLDIER.

William Sullivan, private in the "Buffs," was charged with disorderly conduct, and with having assaulted one Dhu Massa in the Queen's Road, East. According to the evidence, defendant played a practical joke on complainant by capizing a jinrikisha in which he was riding. Complainant lost his cap, worth 75 cents. Ordered to pay a fine of \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment, and to pay 10 cents to complainant as compensation for the loss of his cap, or 3 days imprisonment more. Defendant went to prison.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ADMIRALTY.

(Before Sir G. Phillips, Chief Justice, assisted by H. G. Thomas, Esq., K.C., as Naval Attorney.)
Friday, Feb. 8.

WALTER WILSON AND OTHERS v. STEAMSHIP "TRIUMPH." —\$100,000.

Mr. J. J. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Tolson and Jackson, and the Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs. Brunton, Wotton and Deacon, represented defendants.

The promovants are Walter Wilson, Barnett Nicholls, Nicholas Jenkins, trading together under the style of Wilson, Nicholls & Co., owners of a water boat; Nicholas Moale, owner of a cargo boat; Yap Cheung Kau, a native of China resident in Amoy, and Carl Otto Kopp and J. J. Goll, trading together as Gerard & Co., owners of a water boat; and the defendant is the steamer *Triumph*, of 1922 tons burthen, master, Captain Samuel Fowler. The claim is one for salvage services rendered at a fire which occurred on the *Triumph* on the morning of the 5th November, while the steamer was lying in Amoy harbour. The promovants allege that the ship was mainly saved from total destruction by their efforts, that they gave very valuable assistance in extinguishing the fire at great risk and danger to themselves. 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I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 197



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H. J. H. TRIPP,
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